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MEDIA ADVISORY

WisDOT Decides to Delay Zoo Interchange Reconstruction

Waukesha, WIS. – Waukesha County Executive Dan Finley, State Senator Ted Kanavas (R-33) and Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) President Michael Bolger will hold a press conference in opposition of the State of Wisconsin - Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) strategic decision to reconstruct the Mitchell Interchange and the I-94 North-South Corridor instead of the Zoo Interchange. It will be held on Monday, February 14 at 2 p.m. in the MCW – Health Research Center, Room 1250.

The Zoo Interchange is one of the most heavily traveled parts of the state's freeway infrastructure and has overwhelmingly higher daily traffic counts in comparison to other interchanges in southeastern Wisconsin. Based on 2003 data from the Southeastern Regional Planning Commission, the local freeway interchange traffic counts follow:

Zoo Interchange:	332,000 vehicles daily
Marquette Interchange:	278,000 vehicles daily
Mitchell Interchange:	195,000 vehicles daily
I-94 Near Illinois Border:	80,000 vehicles daily

The MCW is located at 8701 Watertown Plank Rd. in Milwaukee. Take I-45 to Watertown Plank Rd.; travel east on Watertown Plank Rd. to 87th St.; and turn south on 87th St. MCW is west of 87th St. Press conference attendees can park in the lot east of 87th St.

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